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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

KOSUGE et al

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For: WORK CHUCKING/INSERTING APPARATUS
AND ASSEMBLING UNIT



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Sir:

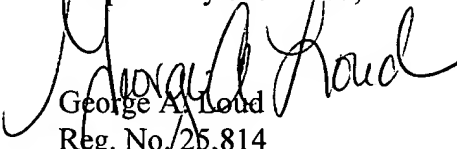
It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the five Japanese Kokai Publications (18 month publications of unexamined applications) which are listed on the attached. Copies of the five Japanese Kokai Publications and English language abstracts thereof are submitted herewith.

For a statement of the relevance of the first four listed documents, the examiner is directed to the discussion thereof at pages 1-3 of applicants' specification. Also see the English language abstracts submitted herewith.

For an understanding of the relevance of the fifth listed document, again, please refer to the English language abstract and to applicants' following statement:

This document shows a work chucking/inserting apparatus which uses the wedge-shaped member 10 to detect the insertion hole position. Since the wedge-shaped member 10 is provided independently of the work chucking device 8, the accuracy of detecting the insertion hole position becomes worse, and the retreating movement of the wedge-shaped member 10 occupies much space when the work 14 is inserted into the insertion hole.

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